



## Press Release

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Photo by James Lathrop

### **Coaches, Officials and Administrators:**

**Bob Thompson:**  
(Administrator)

Member of the Boys' Basketball Committee 1970-1991 as Coordinator of media and Public Relations, and a member of the NYSPHSAA Tournament Committee which, under the direction of Bill Farrell, started the State High School Basketball Championships in 1978, which brought the Tournament to Rochester for the first three years (1978-1980). In the community, has been active in the Press-Radio Club and a member of the Rochester Community Baseball Board of Directors. Press room Chairman for the LPGA 1979-1983. Retired Administrator with BOCES 2 in Spencerport.

**Michael Palermo:**  
(Official)

IAABO Board 60 Official for Boys' Basketball, 1967-2003, where he served as an Official, Executive Committee Member and Past President. Also a member, Executive Committee Member and Past President of Women's Basketball, CWNYBOWS, 1975-2002. Currently the game assigner of officials for Monroe County (1991-Present) and previously the assigner for the City-Catholic and Livingston County Leagues, 1991-1998. The Ronald McDonald All-Star Basketball game co-founder, and still remains an integral part of this annual event.

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Vito Costanza:  
(Coach) Retired Physical Education teacher and Basketball Coach at Edison Tech, where he served two coaching terms, 1954-1964 and 1966-1975, achieving a career record of 280 wins and 140 losses (.667) in his 21 years. Was also a basketball official for 24 years with IABBO Board 60. Received the Mayor's Trophy in 1972, when only one coach in Section V was named Coach of the Year, among all classifications

## **Players:**

Katrina Ercole  
(Katrina Messenger) Outstanding player at Penfield High School, 1978-1982, where she was named Female Athlete of the Year in 1982. Earned a four-year scholarship to NCAA Division I Villanova University, where she graduated in 1986.

Tanesha James An Edison Tech graduate, she was named to the Rochester City All-Star team twice, and in her senior year averaged 18.7 points, 4 steals and 5.3 rebounds per game, leading the Inventors to the section V Class BB championship, where she earned MVP honors. She was also named to the All Greater Rochester team that year. Went on to a college career filled with honors at Monroe Community and Roberts Wesleyan.

Mitch Jones East High graduate of 1974, where he played four seasons on the Varsity, and was a three-time member of the All Greater Rochester Team, 1972-1974. His East High Orientals won consecutive titles in Class AA, 1973 and 1974.

Jim Klimschot  
(Deceased) Member of the Webster Thomas squads of 1972-1974, where he earned All Greater Rochester Honors in '73 and '74. He went on to establish himself as an impact player at the University of Rochester, where he still holds the record for the most foul shots made in a single game (18). He is a member of the Frontier Walk of fame and the University of Rochester Athletic Hall of fame.

- Kelly O'Neill A four-year Varsity starter for Mercy High (1992-1995). Was team captain the last three years of her career at Mercy. She was a three-time member of the All Greater Rochester team, four-time Private/Parochial All-Star, four-time Section V All-Star, two-time Section V Champion, twice a finalist for the Sports Woman of the Year Award, MVP of the Ronald McDonald Senior All-Star Team in 1995, went past the 1,000 benchmark for both points scored and rebounds while at Mercy. Was also a standout soccer player at Mercy, recording 29 career shutouts while in the goal, and made the All Greater Rochester Soccer team twice. Went on to become a star at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. After graduation, she was part of 2 National Championships as an assistant coach at Monroe Community; one in soccer, and another in basketball.
- Stephen Puccia Played 4-year career at East Rochester (70,71) and Pittsford (72,73). Was named All-County First Team three times (71, 72, 73), and was named Section V All-Tournament Team in '71 at East Rochester and '73 at Pittsford. Given All Greater Rochester honors in 1972 and 1973, and was named All New York State Third Team in 1973.
- Brian Quinlan A 1995 graduate of Dansville High, where he and his teammates achieved the school's best basketball record of 18-5. The Mustangs won the Livingston County Championship in 1993, and to the Class B Section V semi-finals in 1995. Individually, Brian averaged 26.2 points per game in 1994 and 34.5 points per game in his senior year ('95). He holds the Livingston County record for the most points in a game ('95), was a Livingston County All-Star in '94 and '95, and was a Ronald McDonald All-Star in 1995. During that same year, he was named to the NYS Class B All-State seventh team. He went on to play for Alfred University, where he was the Empire Association's Rookie of the Year in 1996. His career there included establishing a record for most 3-point field goals made in a career, and currently is fourth all-time scorer for the university with 1,487 points.
- Tony Scott East High graduate. Was a two-time AGR selection in 1987, 1988.
- Anthony Spennacchio Was a three-year star at Madison High School (1945-1947), where he was named to the All-Scholastic Team each year. Also played varsity football and baseball. Played his college basketball at Brockport State, and has been named to the Brockport Sports Hall of Fame. Played for the East Rochester Pauls in a semi-pro league, and was given a tryout for the Rochester Royals in 1954. Was elected to the Monroe County Athletes Hall of fame in 1976 and the Section V Football Hall of fame in 2000. He is a retired school teacher and Assistant Superintendent at Gates-Chili Central School District.

Shawna Williams

Played for Greece Athena 1991-1995, and was the 1995 MVP of the Section V Tournament. That same year, she was named Greece Athlete of the Year. While at Athena, she was also the 1994 and 1995 Section V Pentathlon Champion in track and field. She played one year at Monroe Community College (1997), where she was the Conference Player of the Year, and was named to the NJCAA 1st Team All-American. Her college shifted to Roberts Wesleyan, where in three years, she was named American Midwest Conference Player of the Year in 2000, NCCAA (National Christian College) 1st team All-American and NAIA 3rd Team All-American.