

PIAA District XI is honored to announce its next class of the District XI Hall of Fame. 14 inductees were selected as members of this class to the District XI Hall of Fame. Inductees were selected from nominations made by member schools, officials' chapters, and media membership. Nominees are selected on their accomplishments on the high school level and are not inclusive of accomplishments outside of high school athletics. Constituencies may nominate additional athletes by completing the forms located on the District XI website, www.districtxi.com. The nomination deadline for each class is May 1 of each induction year.

Our Hall of Fame Ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 4pm at the The Delta Hotel in Breinigsville. Dinner will precede our induction ceremony. Tickets for the event are \$65 and can be purchased by contacting District XI Chairman Bob Hartman at hartmanb@whitehallcoplay.org. The deadline to purchase tickets is October 1.

The inductees of the Class of 2025 to the District XI Hall of Fame are:

Joe Alansky

Bob Clark

Darian Cruz

Bob Hartman

Anita James

Tom Kresge

Gabe Lewullis

Jonathan Linton

Jim Morgans

Sheila O'Donnell

Martin Ondrovic

Kenneth Schneck

Jon Treng

Kalista Walters

Ruth Weidman

Joe Alansky was an All-State performer on the hardwood for the Mahanoy Area Bears and would later go on to a highly successful Girls' Basketball coaching career. As a player, Alansky was a 1,000-point scorer and 2-time Schuylkill League Champion. As Head Coach from 1984-2003, Coach Alansky won 391 games to go with 3 PIAA Championships, 9 District XI Championships, and 11 Schuylkill League Division Championships.

Serving as the Head Swimming and Diving Coach at Parkland High from 1989-2004, **Bob Clark** developed the Trojans into one of the premier programs in the PIAA. He won 370 meets against only 36 losses. His girls teams won 2 PIAA titles to go with 10 District and 7 League titles. On the boys side his teams won 10 District titles and 7 League titles.

Bethlehem Catholic grad **Darian Cruz** was a 2-time PIAA Champion and 3-time District and Regional Champion, compiling 153 wins in the process. As a standout at Lehigh University, Cruz was a 3-time All-American topping it off with a NCAA title in 2017. Cruz was an Olympian in the 2024 Olympiad, competing at 57kg for Puerto Rico.

Bob Hartman was an athlete, coach, and Athletic Director at Whitehall High. As an athlete, he was a member of the 1989 District XI Football Champions. As a wrestling coach, he coached Christian Franco to Whitehall's 1st Individual PIAA Champion in any sport. As AD for 23 years, Hartman led numerous facility upgrades over his tenure and served as the District XI Chairman for 11 years.

Anita James won an amazing 11 gold medals out of 16 events in District XI Track and Field. As a multi-sport athlete from Pocono Mt. West, graduating in 2017, James excelled on the track and as cheerleader. James was a part of the 2006 District Championship cheer team. She won an amazing 10 PIAA medals on the track, winning 4 medals during each of her junior and senior seasons.

Lehighton Indian **Tom Kresge** amassed 2,236 points during his basketball career, an average of 21.6 ppg for his career, which at the time was the 16th highest output in the state. Kresge was a member of the 1987 Centennial and District XI Championship team. He was The Morning Call Player of the Year in 1988. He held multiple scoring records in the Centennial and would go on to a great career at Lafayette.

Gabe Lewullis, a Viking from Allentown Central Catholic, finished his career as the 2nd All-time leading scorer. In his senior season, Lewullis was named EPC MVP and Morning Call Player of the Year, as well as 3rd Team All-State. He was named to the All-State twice. He was a member of 4 District XI Championship teams and would go on to an outstanding career at Princeton University, where he was a 4 year starter.

Rough Rider **Jonathan Linton** was a monster in the backfield. Linton was a 8-time All-Colonial League selection and 5-time All-State selection. He finished his Catasauqua career with over 4,000 rushing yards. At the University of North Carolina, Linton rushed for over 1,000 yards and 10 TDs as a senior and would go on to an NFL career with the Buffalo Bills and Tennessee Titans, scoring 9 TDs.

Football Coach **Jim Morgans'** career resonated with success at all his stops. His 286 wins in high school football is an amazing total. Coach Morgans has earned 11 League championships to

accompany 10 District XI titles, 2 PIAA Runner-up finishes, and 2 PIAA Championships. His coaching stops included 2 stints at ACC, Salisbury, Freedom, and Parkland. Coach also won numerous Coach of the Year Awards and is in multiple Hall of Fames.

Central Catholic Vikette **Sheila O'Donnell** excelled on the hardcourt as a 4-time District XI Champion in tennis. Over O'Donnell's 4-year regular season career, she did not lose a set in going 62-0 and winning 4 EPC Singles Championships and earning 4 1st team honors. Sheila had an outstanding tennis career at the University of Pennsylvania, earning 3 letter and graduating in 3 years.

PIAA Official **Martin Ondrovic** was a mainstay in the officiating ranks of District XI. As an official for 54 years, Ondrovic was a leader on the baseball diamond. He served the PIAA as the Rules Interpreter and the NFHS as a Rules Book editor in baseball. Marty officiated football for 43 years and basketball for 37 years. He is a member of numerous Halls of Fame for his acumen as an official.

Minersville Area Softball Coach **Kenneth Schneck** had a career record of 546-103, winning over 84% of the games he coached for the Battlin' Miners. He led the Miners to 6 PIAA Championships, 13 District XI Championships, 23 Schuylkill League Division Championships, and 5 Schuylkill League Championships. He won 10 Republican-Herald Coach of the Year awards. The softball field at Minersville is named in Schneck's honor.

Jon Treng was an accomplished wrestler for the Trojans of Parkland High School. Treng won 150 matches in high school to go along with 2 PIAA Championships, 3 Northeast Regional Championships, and 2 District XI Championships. He continued his career at Lehigh University and earned 3 NCAA All-America honors that included twice being an NCAA Runner-up. He finished 5th in the 2004 Olympic Trials.

Kalista Walters was an outstanding member of Bethlehem Catholic Golden Hawks Girls Basketball. She scored 2,273 points during her 4 year varsity career for the Hawks, which is the all-time best for boys or girls at the school. Walters led the Hawks to 3 District XI titles, earned 3 1st Team All-state awards, and was a 3-time league MVP selection. Kalista continued her hoops career at the University of Pittsburgh.

Long-time Head Coach **Ruth Weidman** led multiple programs at Nativity BVM. As Head Girls Basketball coach from 1992 to 2005, Weidman led Nativity to 5 District XI titles and over a 5 year period her Green Wave played for 5 PIAA Championships winning 2. Ruth was Head Softball Coach at Nativity for 17 seasons and Head Golf Coach for 3 seasons. Her 2003 softball team was District XI Champions.